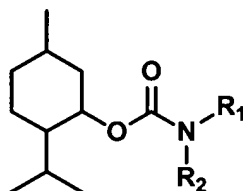


In the Claims:

1.(original) Use as an insect repellent of a compound of the formula



wherein,

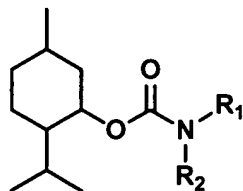
R₁ and R₂ are independently selected from the group consisting of H; an aliphatic residue having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, or a cycloaliphatic residue having 5 to 14 carbon atoms, or an aliphatic or cycloaliphatic residue aforementioned containing one or more hetero-atoms selected from O, N or S; an aryl or heteroaryl group having from 6 to 14 carbon atoms and wherein hetero-atoms are selected from O, N or S; or any of the aforementioned groups substituted with a group selected from, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, C₂₋₄ alkenyl, aryl or heteroaryl as defined above, aryloxy, amino-, amido-, ester, keto-, hydroxyl, and halogen, or

R₁ and R₂ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 5- or 6-membered ring that may optionally contain additional hetero-atoms selected from O, N or S.

2.(original) Use according to claim 1 wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of
Methyl-carbamic acid (–)-menthyl ester;
Ethyl-carbamic acid (–)-menthyl ester;
Butyl-carbamic acid (–)-menthyl ester;

Isobutyl-carbamic acid (-)-menthyl ester;
Diethyl-carbamic acid (-)-menthyl ester;
Pyrrolidine-1-carboxylic acid (-)-menthyl ester;
Piperidine-1-carboxylic acid (-)-menthyl ester;
Morpholine-4-carboxylic acid (-)-menthyl ester;
Phenyl-carbamic acid (-)-menthyl ester; and
3-[(-)-menthoxy-carbonylamino]-propionic acid ester.

- 3.(original) A compound selected from the group consisting of n-butyl-carbamic acid (-)-menthyl ester; iso-butyl-carbamic acid (-)-menthyl ester; diethyl-carbamic acid (-)-menthyl ester; morpholine-4-carboxylic acid (-)-menthyl ester; and 3-[(-)-menthoxy-carbonylamino]-propionic acid ester.
- 4.(currently amended) A composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 ~~as defined in any of the preceding claims~~ in an insect-repellent amount.
- 5.(original) A composition according to claim 4 comprising at least one additional insect repellent.
- 6.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 4 ~~or claim 5~~ comprising additionally at least one insecticide.
- 7.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 4 ~~any one of the claims 4 to 6~~ comprising additionally at least one fragrance ingredient.
- 8.(original) A method of repelling insects by applying to a substrate a preparation comprising at least one compound of the formula



wherein,

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